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-- ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS (MAR 4,5) REPORT SOVIET

DEFENSE MINISTER USTINOV'S INVITATION TO HIS

VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART, GENERAL GIAP, TO VISIT

MOSCOW IN MID-MARCH. IN OTHER VIETNAM-RELATED

COVERAGE, IZVESTIYA (MAR 4) AND PRAVDA (MAR 5) REPORT THAT HANOI IS READY TO RECEIVE THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS MIAS AND THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS, IN RETURN FOR U.S. CONSIDERATION OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION. PRAVDA (MAR 5) ALSO CARRIES A LONG ARTICLE BY HANOI CORRESPONDENT V. SKVORTSOV ON THE HISTORY OF CLOSE SOVIET-VIETNAMESE PARTY TIES.

-- ON CHINA, PRAVDA (MAR 6) REPLAYS EXCERPTS FROM A HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER (NEPSABADSHAG)'S CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE CURRENT PRC INTERNAL SITUATION, AND PARTICULARLY OF PEKING'S CONTINUED ANTI-SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY.

-- PRAVDA (MAR 7) CARRIES A LONG, GLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE LAOTIAN RECEPTION FOR THE SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION, HEADED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NIYAZBEKOV, WHICH RECENTLY RETURNED FROM LAOS.

-- PRAVDA (MAR 9) REPORTS ON "THE CONCLUDING STAGE" OF THE INDIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BY DELHI CORRESPONDENTS O. KITSENKO AND V. SHURYGIN. THE ARTICLE TRACES THE CONGRESS PARTY'S LONG LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTRY AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUPPORT FOR "PROGRESSIVE" CHANGES. IT ALSO REPORTS ON THE CPI'S ELECTION PLATFORM AND ITS APPEAL FOR THE UNITY OF "DEMOCRATIC AND NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC FORCES."

-- PRAVDA (MAR 9) PROMINENTLY CARRIES A TASS ISLAMABAD ARTICLE ON THE PAKISTANI ELECTION RESULTS, WHICH ARE TREATED FAVORABLY.

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4. LATIN AMERICA:

-- PRAVDA (MAR 8) REPORTS "NEWSDAY" PUBLISHER ATTWOOD'S CALL FOR NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS.

-- PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN (MAR 8) BY GENNADIY ZAFESOV, DISCUSSES THE LATEST ROUND OF U.S.-PANAMA TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF THE CANAL, SAYS THAT THEY AGAIN CAME TO A DEAD-END AND EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE PANAMA POSITION.

5. MIDDLE EAST:

-- PRAVDA (MAR 5) ANNOUNCES THAT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL WILL VISIT THE OSVIET UNION

IN MID-MARCH AT THE INVITATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

-- THE AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, AND THE SUMMIT WHICH FOLLOWED IN CAIRO, DRAWS REPEATED BUT LOW-KEY COVERAGE, WITH EMPHASIS ON PALESTINIAN AND AFRICAN LIBERATION CAUSES (MARCH 7,9) AND ON THE NEED FOR MORE MONEY FROM THE LEADING OIL EXPORTERS (MARCH 8).

-- THE CASTRO VISIT TO LIBYA (MAR 8) RECEIVES REGULAR COVERAGE, BUT WITHOUT SPECIFICS OF THE TALKS.

6. EUROPE:

-- ALL MEDIA CARRY FULL REPORTAGE OF ROMANIAN/ BULGARIAN EARTHQUAKE INCLUDING MESSAGES FROM BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY AND KOSYGIN TO CEAUSESCU AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ZHIVKOV. ACCOUNTS OF DESTRUCTION, DEAD AND INJURED HAVE STUCK CLOSELY TO APPARENT OFFICIAL ROMANIAN REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENTARY.

-- PRAVDA MAR 5 HAS REPORT IN QUASI-COMMUNIQUE FORMAT OF CC SECRETARIES MEETING IN SOFIA. REPORT MENTIONS NEED FOR INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA EFFORTS TO A) PREPARE FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY; B) PREPARE FOR CSCE-BELGRADE; C) COUNTER ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN WHICH INTERFERES IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BLOC STATES; AND D) BUILD UP 1976 WP BUCHAREST MEETING DOCUMENTS.

-- PRAVDA'S MAR 5 REPORT UNDER "EUROPE SINCE HELSINKI" REBRIC GIVES BASICALLY FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO FRG FOR CSCE ATTITUDES AND IMPLEMENTATION (BREZHNEV PLANNED VISIT MAY BE REASON) WHILE MUCH LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT GIVEN TO GREAT BRITAIN IN SIMILAR ARTICLE IN PRAVDA MAR 8.

-- PRAVDA HAS TWO ARTICLES (MAR 8,9) ON POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES IN U.S.-FRENCH RELATIONS IF CONCORDE NOT GIVEN LANDING RIGHTS IN N.Y. GISCARD MESSAGE TO CARTER UNDERLINING IMPORTANCE TO FRANCE OF ISSUE IS REPORTED.

7. AFRICA:

-- KZ'S POLITICAL-MILITARY REVIEW (MAR 6) BY B. RODIONOV AND YU. GAVRILOV IS DEVOTED TO TWO

SUBJECTS: U.S. MILITARY SUPPLIES TO "REACTIONARY"
ARAB REGIONS IN PERSIAN GULF AREA, AND ALLEGED
U.S. EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH "RACIST
REGIMES" IN AFRICA. BOTH ARE FED BY CAMPAIGN
ABOUT MYTHICAL "SOVIET THREAT." AFRICAN PORTION
CITES PRESENCE OF ENTERPRISE IN EAST AFRICAN WATERS
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RECENTLY, AND RETIRED ADMIRAL ZUMWATT'S
VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA (DAO SEPTTEL).
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